

Could artificial intelligence protect the world from humanity's 'shortsightedness'?

There are fears that tend to come up when people talk about futuristic artificial intelligence — say, one that could teach itself to learn and become more advanced than anything we humans might be able to comprehend.

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But some artificial intelligence experts don't think those fears are well-founded. In fact, highly-advanced artificial intelligence could be better at managing the world than humans have been.

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[H]umans are pretty terrible at making choices that are good for us in the long term. People have carved away rainforests and other ecosystems to harvest raw materials, unaware of (or uninterested in) how they were contributing to the slow, maybe-irreversible degradation of the planet overall. But a sophisticated artificial intelligence system might be able to protect humanity from its own shortsightedness.

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The time to create international agreements, ethics boards, and regulatory bodies across governments, private companies, and academia? It's now. Putting these institutions and protocols in place would reduce the odds that a hostile government, unwitting researcher, or even a cackling mad scientist would unleash [a malicious AI system](#) or otherwise weaponize advanced algorithms.

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With these rules and safeguards in place, we will be much more likely to usher in a future in advanced AI systems live harmoniously with us, or perhaps even save us from ourselves.

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